



## Mr. Jerry Wesley Haigwood

March 25, 1949 - April 21, 2017

"Although we are apart, we remain a team until we meet again."

Jerry Wesley Haigwood

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Services will be held to honor and remember the life of Jerry Haigwood, 68, of Diana on Wednesday, April 26, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at the Gilmer Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints with Bishop Coulter conducting. Interment will follow at Kelsey Cemetery in Gilmer. The family will receive friends for visitation on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at McWhorter Funeral Home.

Jerry was born March 25, 1949 in Walnut Ridge, AR. He died peacefully surrounded by family in the Methodist Dallas Medical Center on April 21, 2017. He lived with zest and optimism in the years between.

He is survived by his wife, Patsy Jane Keaster Haigwood, who was his other half and teammate through life. His legacy left an amazing family: daughters, Michelle Haigwood; Keri Lillie and her husband, Steve; Jamie Coleman Cannalte; Tami Denton Phelps and her husband, Leland; Lena Larson and her husband, Stephan; and Kim Perry and her husband, Clarke. His daughters loved and cherished him for his gentle spirit and devotion to his family.

He was loved by his grandchildren: Jessica Barbu, Jay Schnell McChesney, Jacob Schnell, Juliana (Daroldette) Schnell, Josh Davis, Haleigh Cannalte, Hayden Cannalte, Harrison Coleman, Tyler Denton, Mikenna (Kenna) Abplanalp, Breanne (Bree) Denton, Andrew Denton, Logan Denton, Taylor Phelps, Lee Phelps, Sterling Phelps, Tony Phelps, Isaac Phelps, Audra Larson, Emma (Emmie) Larson, Riley (Yiley) Larson, Dahlia (baby face) Larson, Alec Perry, Kali Perry, and Libby Perry. There are also 5 great grandchildren, Lily, Piper, Marley, Ivy, and Westley.

From humble beginnings, he worked diligently to create something more for himself and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science and a Master's Degree, specializing in aerospace engineering. Indeed, many of us owe our ability to travel long distances in a short period of time by his work on flight control programming for Boeing. Jerry was an avid ham radio operator licensed with the highest distinction, Amateur Extra Class. Merging his engineering background with his ham radio passion, he developed Morse code radio paddles – he called them the Black Widow and sold them to operators across the world, even to someone in the Antarctica! He was certified in emergency preparedness, teaching CERT education in Arizona. After his retirement, he was a substitute teacher at Diana High School. He loved his students and would often attend their Friday night football games.

Jerry was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. He had many callings over the years such as: Financial Clerk, Emergency Preparedness Specialist, and Veil Worker to name a few. He took his responsibilities as a home teacher seriously. Countless hours were spent with his companion visiting and counseling families, helping with their needs, and participating in community humanitarian projects. His last companion was his wife.

Jerry's last wish was for people to educate themselves on organ donation. He

believed that organ donation is a free and priceless gift, and that no monetary value can be ascribed to the gift of life.

Finally, the family would like to thank the Liver Institute of Methodist Dallas for their tireless care and efforts. They did everything humanly possible to maintain and extend his life in this world. They would also like to thank McWhorter Funeral Home for respectfully caring for and guiding the family through this difficult time, their church family for their love and support, and all of those special souls who have reached out to them in their time of need.

73, this is W5JH clear and monitoring...

# Cemetery Details

## Kelsey Cemetery

6380 Magnolia Rd  
Gilmer, TX 75644

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **25**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

McWhorter Funeral Home  
1074 St. Hwy 300  
Gilmer, TX 75645  
(903) 734-7070  
[info@mcwhorterfh.com](mailto:info@mcwhorterfh.com)  
<https://www.mcwhorterfh.com>

## Service

APR **26**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints  
Pine St  
Gilmer, TX 75644

# Tribute Wall



“ *McWhorter Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Jerry Wesley Haigwood*



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**McWhorter Funeral Home** - April 25, 2017 at 10:40 AM



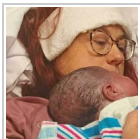
“ *Blue Moon of Kentucky <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4syA9aNnNa0>*

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**Lena Larson** - March 25, 2022 at 02:29 PM



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**Lena Larson** - March 25, 2022 at 02:17 PM



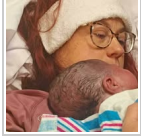
“ *Here are some of your favorites for your birthday! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u-7NZT4r0yE>*

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**Lena Larson** - March 25, 2022 at 02:10 PM



“ *Happy birthday! Miss you! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X6Mtpk4jeVA>*

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**Lena Larson** - March 25, 2022 at 02:09 PM



“ *Matthew 25:21 His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.*



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**Lena Larson** - May 17, 2018 at 11:44 AM



“ *" The Prayer" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=idtNxZYnxlw>*

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**Lena Larson** - January 10, 2018 at 03:29 PM



“ *Go Rest High on That Mountain! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e60oUOsac9o>  
Love you!*

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**Lena Larson** - December 18, 2017 at 05:32 PM



“ *5 files added to the tribute wall*



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**Lena Larson** - December 02, 2017 at 10:23 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Lena Larson** - December 02, 2017 at 10:14 PM



“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



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**Lena Larson** - December 02, 2017 at 10:11 PM



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**Lena Larson** - December 18, 2017 at 05:33 PM



“ I pray your spirit to be with us during the holidays. Especially be around for mom:)

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**Lena Larson** - December 02, 2017 at 10:06 PM



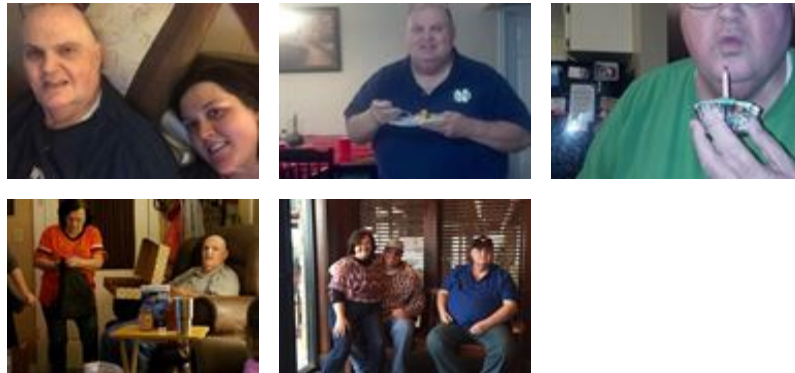
“ Miss you:(

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**Lena Larson** - November 08, 2017 at 11:57 AM



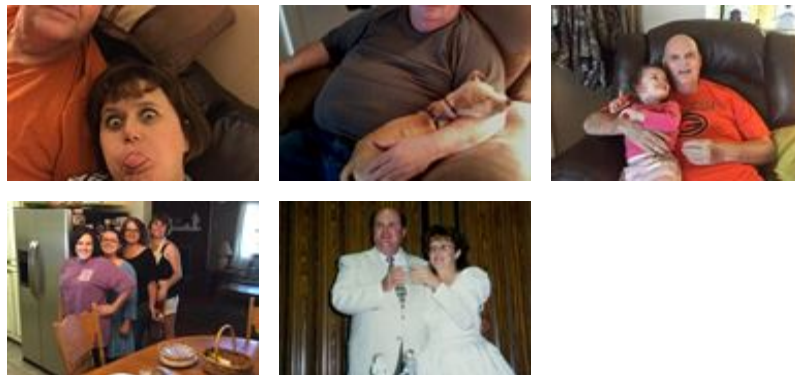
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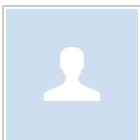
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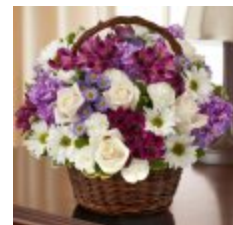
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McWhorter Funeral Home - April 25, 2017 at 10:17 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Mr. Jerry Wesley Haigwood.*



April 25, 2017 at 09:33 AM



“ *Healing Tears - Yellow and White was purchased for the family of Mr. Jerry Wesley Haigwood.*



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April 25, 2017 at 07:45 AM



“ *Love, Ernie and Myra Larsen purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Mr. Jerry Wesley Haigwood.*



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**Love, Ernie and Myra Larsen** - April 24, 2017 at 08:21 PM



“ *Keri Lillie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Wesley Haigwood*



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**Keri Lillie** - April 24, 2017 at 07:28 PM



“ *Our prayers are with you and your wonderful family. We love you dearly.*

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**Jimmie & Barbara Green** - April 24, 2017 at 09:58 AM